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SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17 line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

At block 408, the server may acknowledge the request of block ~~[[506]]~~ 406. By acknowledging the request at block ~~[[506]]~~ 406, the server may thus be able to confirm that a given IP address has been assigned to a specific target device.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 22 line 25 with the following rewritten paragraph:

As seen at block 428, it may be determined if the administrator has finished providing instructions via the GUI. If the administrator has not finished, the method of the present invention may continue to receive instructions from the administrator regarding one or more target devices, may continue to execute these instructions, may continue to update the boot stage categories and may continue to generate an updated GUI for the administrator as indicated at block 430. Alternatively, if the administrator has finished, the method of the present invention may end. Once ended, for example, the administrator may continue to monitor the state of network topology using the GUI(s) generated in accordance with the present invention. Alternatively, the ~~administrator may turn over the network may be automatically maintained~~ GUI may be used to automatically manage the network. Alternatively, the administrator may turn over booting of target devices to the server.